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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting Notice

In compliance with the provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 84-1411, printed notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges will convene via video-conference at 4:00 p.m. CDT on May 21, 2008 at the following sites:

Chadron State College—Burkhiser
Lincoln—Executive Building
Omaha—State Office Building
Wayne State College—Conn Library

10th & Main, Room 108
521 S 14th Street, Suite 103
1313 Farnam, Room 207
1111 Main Street, Room 15

An Executive Session may be held in conjunction with this Board of Trustees meeting.

This notice and accompanying agenda are being distributed to members of the Board of Trustees, the presidents of the state colleges, the Associated Press and selected Nebraska newspapers.

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

MAY 21, 2008
VIDEO-CONFERENCE
4:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. (CDT)
3:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. (MDT)

CALL TO ORDER

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

2. ACADEMIC, PERSONNEL & STUDENT AFFAIRS

2.1 Approve Resolution in Response to the Connerly Petition

3. ENROLLMENT & MARKETING

3.1 First Round Approval of the Changes to Board Policy 3401; Non-Resident Scholars

3.2 First Round Approval of Deletion of Board Policy 3403; Student Opportunity Award

4. FISCAL & FACILITIES

4.1 First Round Approval of Changes to Board Policy 6005; Establishing and Use of Reserves

4.2 Approve Use of Capital Improvement Fee Funds – CSC

4.3 Approve Office Space Lease for Nebraska State College System Office

ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges will be held June 5-6, 2008, at Lincoln.

Academic, Personnel & Student Affairs Committee

Doug Christensen, Chair

Gary Bieganski

Taylor Dunekacke

May 21, 2008

ACTION: Approve Resolution in Response to the Connerly Petition

Priority: Educational Excellence Throughout the System

Goal: 5. Create a diverse intellectual and social environment

The attached draft resolution would put the NSCS Board of Trustees on record as opposing the Ward Connerly petition to amend the Nebraska Constitution to prohibit any form of affirmative action in Nebraska. The University and the Community Colleges and the Nebraska Department of Education have all passed similar resolutions in opposition to Connerly's efforts.

**NEBRASKA STATE COLLEGE SYSTEM
RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO CONNERLY PETITION**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State College System is committed to achieving diversity in its student body and workforce in order to enrich the educational experience of students and strengthen the intellectual and financial well-being of the state of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the State of Nebraska is diverse in many ways, including race, national origin and gender, and the state colleges provide access to educational opportunities necessary for the prosperity of all Nebraskans; and

WHEREAS, there is currently being circulated among the electorate of the State of Nebraska an initiative petition commonly called the Connerly petition, that seeks to amend the Nebraska Constitution in ways that could eliminate lawful measures to carry out the Board of Trustees' diversity efforts at the state colleges, and appears to be part of a national strategy developed, cultivated, and financed by interests outside Nebraska,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State College System that the Connerly petition is not good public policy and may result in elimination of existing lawful measures that the state colleges could utilize in furtherance of educational goals, economic interests and a commitment to diversity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees opposes the Connerly petition and urges the voters of the State of Nebraska not to sign or support the same.

Approved this 21st day of May, 2008.

Chair, Board of Trustees

Chancellor, Nebraska State
College System

Enrollment & Marketing Committee

Michelle Suarez, Chair
Floyd Vrtiska
Amanda Gehle

May 21, 2008

ACTION: First Round Approval of Changes to Board Policy 3401; Non-Resident Scholars

Priority: Financial Strength of the System
Goal: 3. Increase enrollment and retention
Strategy: b. Increase number of students in residential housing
e. Increase number of out-of-state students

Currently, the Nebraska State College System offers both the Non-Resident Scholars Program provided through Policy 3401 and the Student Opportunity Award provided through Policy 3403. Both programs offer the same special tuition rate to out-of-state students, yet have different criteria and names. This is confusing to students, parents and guidance counselors.

The changes to Policy 3401 combine both programs. The Non-Resident Scholars Program name and special tuition rate are retained, but the academic requirements have been changed to that of the Student Opportunity Award. Offering these scholarship opportunities through one program will allow a consistent message to be delivered to students and parents.

STUDENT AFFAIRS, NEBRASKA STATE COLLEGE SYSTEM

POLICY: 3401

Non-~~R~~resident Scholars Program

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BOARD POLICY

The Board has authorized a special Non-Resident Scholars tuition rate for qualifying nonresident students attending the member institutions of the Nebraska State College System. This program will be known as the Non-Resident Scholars Program. scholars enrolled full or part time. Entering freshmen must have ranked in the upper quartile of their high school class, or have a cumulative 3.25 GPA, or have a 25 ACT or 1130 cumulative SAT. Transfer students are required to hold a 3.0 cumulative GPA from previous college work. The program will be available to qualified non-resident students seeking admission to Chadron, Peru or Wayne State College.

~~To continue in the program, undergraduate students are required to maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA.~~

~~The purpose of this program is to increase access within the Nebraska State College System for out-of-state students. The program is intended to increase residence hall occupancy and facility utilization. Entering graduate students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 for all previous work attempted at all colleges attended prior to their enrollment at a Nebraska State College. To continue in the program, graduate students are required to maintain a 3.5 cumulative GPA.~~

~~Students who are called to active military duty while enrolled in the Non-Resident Scholars program may continue in the program either on-line or by the correspondence program.~~

Academic requirements:

1. Freshman

- a. Must score a 22 ACT or 1530 SAT, or
- b. Must be in the upper half of their high school graduating class, or
- c. Must have a minimum high school cumulative GPA of 3.25 on a 4.0 scale.
- d. To continue in the program, students are required to maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA.

2. Transfer Students

- a. Must have a 3.0 cumulative GPA for all previous work attempted at all colleges attended.
- b. To continue in the program, transfer students are required to maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA.

3. Entering Graduate Students

- a. Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 for all previous work attempted at all colleges attended.
- b. To continue in the program, graduate students are required to maintain a 3.5 cumulative GPA.

History: The Chadron State College ~~N~~on-~~R~~resident ~~S~~cholars ~~P~~rogram was implemented during the 1988-89 academic year. The Peru State and Wayne State College programs were initiated in 1990-91.

Legal Reference: RRS 85-504 State education institutions; fees; waiver
Public Law 85-501 Non-Resident Fees

Policy Adopted: 1/28/77
Policy Revised: 2/7/83
Policy Revised: 10/16/86
Policy Revised: 6/5/93
Policy Revised: 3/11/94
Policy Revised: 11/13/01
Policy Revised: 4/9/02
Policy Revised: 9/17/04
Policy Revised:

Enrollment & Marketing Committee

*Michelle Suarez, Chair
Floyd Vrtiska
Amanda Gehle*

May 21, 2008

ACTION: First Round Approval of Deletion of Board Policy 3403; Student Opportunity Award

Priority: Financial Strength of the System
Goal: 3. Increase enrollment and retention
Strategy: b. Increase number of students in residential housing
e. Increase number of out-of-state students

The changes to Policy 3401 reflect the decision to combine the Non-Resident Scholars Program and the Student Opportunity Award into one scholarship program. As a result, the System Office recommends that Policy 3403 can be deleted.

STUDENT AFFAIRS, NEBRASKA STATE COLLEGE SYSTEM

POLICY: 3403 Student Opportunity Award

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BOARD POLICY

The State Colleges are authorized to implement a program for the primary purpose of increasing student diversity on campus. In addition to enriching the cultural diversity of the student population by providing access to higher education for out-of-state students, the program is intended to increase dormitory occupancy and facility utilization on each campus.

Known as the Student Opportunity Award Program, the program will present an alternate tuition plan for non-resident students attending Nebraska State Colleges. Students qualifying for this program will have their non-resident tuition reduced to a level equivalent to the current in-state or resident tuition.

The program will be available for qualified non-resident students seeking admission to a Nebraska State College.

The program will utilize the current approach outlined in Board Policy 3401 for Non-Resident Scholars, with the following exceptions:

In order to participate, non-resident students in the Student Opportunity Award Program are required to meet certain academic standards.

- 1) For entering freshmen, a 22 ACT or 1030 SAT.
- 2) For entering freshmen, the upper half of their high school graduating class.
- 3) To continue in the program, students will be required to maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA.
- 4) Transfer students will be required to have a 3.0 cumulative GPA for all previous college work.
- 5) To continue in the program, transfer students will be required to maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA.

Legal Reference: RRS 85-504
RRS 85-501

Policy Adopted: 4/9/02
Policy Revised: 6/9/05

Policy Deleted:

Fiscal and Facilities Committee

Larry Teahon, Chair
Cap Peterson
Rich Kunckel

May 21, 2008

ACTION: First Round Approval of Changes to Board Policy 6005; Establishing and Use of Reserves

Priority: Financial Strength of the System
Goal: 3. Strengthen fiscal, environmental, technological, and physical resources
Strategy: g. Continually find ways to stretch limited resources

Current policy authorizes the colleges to have a 4% reserve (cash funds) based on the current year's general and cash fund operating budgets. The proposed policy change would continue the 4% reserve as a minimum, but allow the colleges to build a reserve between 4% and 8% each year. The College would be required to consult with the Chancellor anytime they are planning to reduce the reserve from the prior year; and would have to have approval at any time to go below the 4% minimum reserve.

FISCAL OPERATIONS, NEBRASKA STATE COLLEGE SYSTEM

POLICY: 6005

Establishing and Use of Reserves

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BOARD POLICY

In any one fiscal year, there may be unexpected circumstances whereby current appropriations are insufficient to cover expenditures of an emergency or unpredictable nature. There may also occur extraordinary and unforeseen fluctuations of inflationary costs that would require the ~~State~~ Colleges to draw upon contingent funds in order to adequately meet their current obligations. In addition, there may be instances where revenues fall short of planned or anticipated revenues.

The ~~State~~ Colleges are authorized to build a reserve fund into their succeeding annual operating budget that is ~~approximately between~~ four percent (4%) and eight percent (8%) of their current year's general and cash fund appropriations and to use those reserve funds when needed to address operating budget deficiencies. If ~~a revenue shortfall any circumstance~~ causes a ~~College~~ to ~~draw down approximately twenty-five percent (25%) of the~~ reduce reserve funds ~~from the previous year's reserve,~~ the college shall consult with the Chancellor in advance. Approval must be requested from the Chancellor before initiating any action that would cause the reserve to drop below the four percent (4%) minimum reserve. ~~the College shall notify the Chancellor at the State College System Office before initiating action to utilize this reserve.~~

Policy Adopted: 3/11/94
Policy Revised: 8/29/97
Policy Revised: 9/15/06
Policy Revised:

Fiscal and Facilities Committee

*Larry Teahon, Chair
Cap Peterson
Rich Kunckel*

May 21, 2008

**ACTION: Approve the Use of Up to \$7,000 of Capital Improvement Fee Funds from
 Memorial Hall Reroof Project to the Memorial Hall Chiller Project at Chadron**

Priority: Financial Strength of the System

Goal: 5. Strengthen fiscal, environmental, technological and physical resources

Strategy: j. Maintain facilities and improve physical environment

At the April 13, 2007 Board meeting, Chadron State was given approval to use CIF funds to complete the Memorial Hall roofing and chiller tie-in projects. Both projects also include 309 funding. It appears that at the conclusion of the projects there will be an excess of funds in the roofing portion of \$14,377 and a shortfall of funds in the chiller portion of \$5,977.

Chadron State is requesting approval to transfer \$7,000 from CIF funds in the Memorial Hall roofing project to the CIF funds in the Memorial Hall chiller project.

The System Office supports the request that the Board approve the transfer of capital improvement fees within the Memorial Hall chiller tie-in and roofing projects.

Fiscal & Facilities Committee

Larry Teahon, Chair
Cap Peterson
Rich Kunckel

2008

May 21,

**ACTION: Approve Office Space Lease for Nebraska State College
 System Office**

Priority: Financial Strength of the System
Goal: 4. Improve efficiency of operations

The NSCS Office has been looking for space since 2005. System Office staff has communicated with both DAS Building Division and the Capitol Commission seeking additional space either in the Capitol or in another state owned building. Since 2005 no suitable space has been located.

The space we currently inhabit on the 11th floor of the Capitol is no longer functional for several reasons, including lack of work space for essential tasks, no meeting space and a lack of privacy for vice-chancellors and our budget officer as they conduct the business of the NSCS.

The System Office has identified a property, owned by NEBCO, at 1115 K Street at an affordable price. The space would be available this summer and would meet our modest needs with very little renovation. NEBCO is currently asking for \$3,100.50 per month for the first 12 months of the lease period. The space contains a net rentable area of 2,862 square feet.

The Board of Trustees has the authority to acquire real and personal property pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §85-304(5).

We ask that the Board authorize the Chancellor to negotiate and enter into a lease Agreement with NEBCO in order to obtain that property to house the NSCS Office.